

Regular Council Meeting
September 22, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of September 22, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons, and Jean Arrant were present. Councilman Mike Helton was absent. Also present: Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Paul Miller of WFRPC, and City Clerk Diane Riley.

Councilman King gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of September 13, 2005 and Council workshop of August 30, 2005. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner had the following items to report:

Legislative Issues:

Small scale amendment for Clay Blizzard, et al changing the FLUM from Rural Development to Rural Village. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the FLUM change. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Zoning assignment of the Clay Blizzard, et al property consisting of 10± acres from RR to RV. No public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to approve the zoning of the 10± acres. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Small scale amendment for Freeport Industries changing the FLUM from Low Density Residential to Industrial. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the FLUM change. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Zoning assignment of the Freeport Industrial property consisting of 4.34 acres from R-1 to I-1. No public or Council discussion. Councilman King motioned to approve the zoning of the 4.34 acres. Councilman Simmons 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Paul Miller, WFRPC planner presented the following:

Quasi-Judicial Issues:

Councilman King motioned to approve the Freeport Residential planned development project master plan as presented. It consists of 435 single family residential units on 303± acres. There was no public or Council discussion. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve The Pines Phase III development as presented. The phase has 108.71 acres. No public or Council comments were made. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Planner Henninger informed the Council that Walton County Commissioner, Ro Cuchens had filed a complaint about a yard on US 331. It has garbage and old vehicles located on the property. Ms. Henninger was unable to give a true and correct location of the property, so the Council request further information before telling Code Enforcement to act on the complaint. Ms. Henninger further asked the Council to give her direction on zoning category allowing animal clinics in areas that are vaguely described in the LDC. This issue is a legal matter and shall be turned over to Attorney Adkinson for further review.

Attorney Adkinson presented an amended first reading of a request for annexation. Councilman King motioned to accept the first reading and authorized advertisement for adoption. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0. Freeport Plantation legal representative, Steve Hall addressed the Council by asking them to reconsider accepting their full request for annexation presented several weeks ago. Co-owner, Buddy Reynolds presented a descriptive view of why the Council should reconsider their request. After much discussion, Councilman Simmons motioned to include all the property they requested in the original application for annexation, making the total amount of property about 4100 acres. Councilman King seconded the

motion, it carried, 4-0. Attorney Adkinson will review the legal description and make sure the information is correct and begin the process of annexation.

Charles Peter of PMA had to leave on an emergency, so no engineer’s report was available. Clerk Riley told the Council that the City had opening of bids for the Industrial Park road repair work. C. W. Roberts submitted a bid of \$109,787.50. Charles’ office will review the bid and get back with the Council.

New Business:

Councilman King motioned to terminate the SIMPLE IRA retirement plan with Mutual of America, effective December 31, 2005. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Mayor Marse announced that DOT is having a meeting on September 26, 2005 at 9 a.m. at the South Walton Annex in reference to the 331 by-pass.

Hilda Coursey did not attend the meeting. Councilwoman Arrant passed out some brochures on the topic on brain injuries and disorders. The Pilot Club is having a fair on October 1, and is asking that the Council member participate by volunteering at the event.

Councilman Jackson motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilman Simmons 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Mayor Marse asked the Council if the fuel mileage reimbursement of .30 per mile could be increased and maybe increasing his and Councilman Helton’s monthly travel expense. Councilman King motioned to increase the mileage reimbursement to .45 per mile and increase Mayor Marse travel expense to \$250, and Councilman Helton’s to \$100. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Mayor Marse announced that the City would increase the working day from 8-5pm. Employees would be allowed an hour lunch and the office would be opened later to serve the people.

Councilman Simmons recommended to the Council that the Freeport Fire Department does not merge with Walton County. He suggested a one year waiting period. Also, Councilman Simmons would like to know if he could develop a growth plan for the Fire Department. There are several issues that he is requiring from the Chief to the volunteers themselves. After discussion, Councilman Simmons motioned for the City Fire Department to stay running as is and let him develop a growth plan. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 4-0.

Mayor Marse asked if the City could purchase 2 new trucks for the utility department if they were listed under state contract. Councilman King motioned to allow the purchase of 2 trucks. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 4-0.

With no other business, Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
	_____ J.M. Marse, Mayor
_____ Diane Riley, City Clerk	_____ Earl King, President of Council